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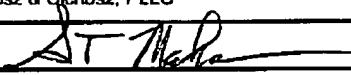
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Applicant: Chandra Sekhar Namuduri
Serial No.: 10/730,440
Filed: 12/8/2003
Title: FLUID DAMPER HAVING CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE DAMPING
RESPONSE

Examiner/art group: Melody M. Burch/3683
Docket No.: GP-303152

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Summary of Telephonic Interview with Examiner

Sir:

This comprises a summary of a telephonic interview held with Examiner Burch on 18 October 2005.

1. There was no exhibit or demonstration.
2. Proposed claim language for amended claim 1 was discussed.

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3. Specific prior art discussed included:

USPN 4946131 to Weyand

4. Proposed amendments – see below, and see, also, Examiner Burch's comments. It was also noted that there was support for the amendment in the specification.

5. Arguments to the examiner included that the amended claim 1 sets forth a novel damping apparatus which is operable to provide damping between a sprung mass and an unsprung mass, in contrast to the above-referenced inventions.

6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

7. Outcome: The examiner stated that the amendments would be given consideration upon receipt of a formal amendment. No agreement was reached on the claim language, per the examiner's interview summary.

A formal amendment was sent to the USPTO on October 19, 2005. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the contents of the present response he may contact Applicants' attorney at the phone number appearing below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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-- Proposed Claim Language for Claim 1

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A damping apparatus operable to provide damping between a sprung mass and an unsprung mass, comprising:~~

a linear to rotary conversion mechanism comprising a translatable member, having a first attachment point, and that is adapted for generally linear translation in a forward and a reverse direction and a rotatable member comprising a rotatable shaft that is rotatably coupled to the translatable member; wherein translation of the translatable member in one of the forward or the reverse directions produces a forward or a reverse rotation of the rotatable member and shaft, respectively; and

a damping mechanism comprising a second attachment point, a hub that is fixed to the shaft, a means for generating a single electromagnetic field in response to an applied electrical signal that may be continuously varied in response to an input signal that is representative of a desired damping force and a fluid having a viscosity that may be continuously varied by application of the electromagnetic field that is in touching contact with the hub, wherein application of the variable electromagnetic field to the fluid produces changes in the viscosity of the fluid that in turn provides variable resistance to rotation of the hub and translation of the translatable member.

Underlined:

Previous Amendment

Highlighted Portion:

Proposed Amendment